

the General Services Administration, and the Department of Defense.

(e) Report

Not later than March 1, 1998, and every year afterward through 2003, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report setting forth in detail the progress made in implementing the requirements of this section. The report shall include the following:

(1) A strategic plan for the implementation of a Government-wide electronic commerce capability.

(2) An agency-by-agency summary of implementation of the requirements of subsection (c) of this section, including timetables, as appropriate, addressing when individual agencies will come into full compliance.

(3) A specific assessment of compliance with the requirement in subsection (c) of this section to provide universal public access through a single, Government-wide point of entry.

(4) Beginning with the report submitted on March 1, 1999, an agency-by-agency summary of the volume and dollar value of transactions that were conducted using electronic commerce methods during the previous calendar year.

(5) A discussion of possible incremental changes to the electronic commerce capability referred to in subsection (c)(4) of this section to increase the level of government contract information available to the private sector, including an assessment of the advisability of including contract award information in the electronic commerce functional standard.

(f) "Electronic commerce" defined

For the purposes of this section, the term "electronic commerce" means electronic techniques for accomplishing business transactions, including electronic mail or messaging, World Wide Web technology, electronic bulletin boards, purchase cards, electronic funds transfers, and electronic data interchange.

(Pub. L. 93-400, §30, as added Pub. L. 103-355, title IX, §9001(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3399; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, §850(a), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1847.)

AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-85 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (d) requiring the Administrator to establish a program for development and implementation of a Federal acquisition computer network architecture to be known as FACNET.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-85 effective 180 days after Nov. 18, 1997, see section 850(g) of Pub. L. 105-85, set out as a note under section 2302c of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date and applicability of section, see section 10001 of Pub. L. 103-355, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 251 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 252c of this title; title 10 section 2302c.

§ 426a. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, § 850(b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1848

Section, Pub. L. 93-400, §30A, as added Pub. L. 103-355, title IX, §9001(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3400, related to Federal acquisition computer network implementation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective 180 days after Nov. 18, 1997, see section 850(g) of Pub. L. 105-85, set out as an Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note under section 2302c of Title 10, Armed Forces.

GAO DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBLE AGENCY CONTRACTS

Section 9004 of Pub. L. 103-355 required Comptroller General to submit to Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy and congressional committees, not later than 3 years after Oct. 13, 1994, a report on classes of contracts in amounts greater than micro-purchase threshold and not greater than simplified acquisition threshold that are not suitable for acquisition through a system with full FACNET capability, and authorized Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council, not earlier than 3 years after Oct. 13, 1994, to make determination that such class or classes of contracts were not suitable for acquisition through such a system, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VIII, §850(c), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1848.

§ 427. Simplified acquisition procedures

(a) Requirement

In order to promote efficiency and economy in contracting and to avoid unnecessary burdens for agencies and contractors, the Federal Acquisition Regulation shall provide for—

(1) special simplified procedures for purchases of property and services for amounts not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold; and

(2) special simplified procedures for purchases of property and services for amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold but not greater than \$5,000,000 with respect to which the contracting officer reasonably expects, based on the nature of the property or services sought and on market research, that offers will include only commercial items.

(b) Prohibition on dividing purchases

A proposed purchase or contract for an amount above the simplified acquisition threshold may not be divided into several purchases or contracts for lesser amounts in order to use the simplified acquisition procedures required by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Promotion of competition required

In using simplified acquisition procedures, the head of an executive agency shall promote competition to the maximum extent practicable.

(d) Consideration of offers timely received

The simplified acquisition procedures contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation shall include a requirement that a contracting officer consider each responsive offer timely received from an eligible offeror.

(e) Interim reporting rule

Until October 1, 2004, procuring activities shall continue to report under section 417(d) of this title procurement awards with a dollar value of at least \$25,000, but less than \$100,000, in conformity with the procedures for the reporting of